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LANTOS' WINS PASSAGE OF HISTORIC \$15 BILLION GLOBAL HIV/AIDS BILL IN HOUSE

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo/San Francisco) today scored an historic victory in the U.S. House of Representatives by winning passage of a \$15 billion global HIV/AIDS bill. The "United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003" (H.R. 1298), authored by Congressman Lantos and Representatives Henry Hyde (R-IL), Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Jim Leach (R-IA), passed by a 375-41 vote, with nearly all Democrats and most Republicans supporting the legislation.

"With today's historic vote, we have turned the tide in our global against HIV/AIDS. The United States will The \$15 billion authorized by the House of Representatives today is an enormous sum by any measure, but no more than this crisis demands. For all of those who have

The Lantos-Hyde bill authorizes \$15 billion over five years (\$3 billion per year beginning in FY 2004). It includes up to \$1 billion for the Global Fund to Combat HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria in FY 2004, and "such sums as necessary" in the remaining years, to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic and other diseases. The legislation calls for a five-year comprehensive, integrated, global strategy for phased expansion and coordination among relevant executive branch agencies and between the U.S. government, foreign governments and international organizations. It also commits significant resources to antiretroviral treatment programs and supports the expansions of public/private partnerships and the leveraging of resources.

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